

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-26 (Canceled).

Claim 27 (New): An ink cartridge that can be detachably attached to an ink jet printer, comprising:

a holding portion formed over two faces of the ink cartridge adjacent to each other.

Claim 28 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 27, wherein the holding

portion has a structure held from a vertical direction.

Claim 29 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 27, wherein the two faces of the ink cartridge adjacent to each other are an upper face and a front face of the ink cartridge.

Claim 30 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 27, wherein one end of the holding portion is a projection portion provided on an upper face of the ink cartridge.

Claim 31 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 30, wherein the projection portion is provided at a front end portion of the upper face of the ink cartridge.

Claim 32 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 27, wherein one end of the holding portion is a corner portion of a recess portion provided on a front face of the ink cartridge.

Claim 33 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 32, wherein the corner portion of the recess portion is formed to have an acute angle.

Claim 34 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 32, wherein the corner portion of the recess portion is positioned in a midway, in a vertical direction, of the front face of the ink cartridge.

Claim 35 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 32, wherein the recess portion is formed over an entire width of the ink cartridge and is opened at both end portions.

Claim 36 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 32, wherein an angle formed by a lower end portion of the recess portion and the front face of the ink cartridge is an obtuse angle.

Claim 37 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 27, wherein the holding portion has a flat portion that allows pressing in a cartridge mounting direction.

Claim 38 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 27, wherein a holding style of the holding portion can be changed according to a height at a time of cartridge mounting.

Claim 39 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 27, further comprising: a guide member that guides the ink cartridge during cartridge mounting.

Claim 40 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 39, wherein the guide member allows positioning of the ink cartridge in the ink jet printer.

Claim 41 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 40, wherein the guide member allows positioning of the ink cartridge in the ink jet printer in a vertical direction.

Claim 42 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 40, wherein the guide member allows positioning of the ink cartridge in the ink jet printer in a front direction and a rear direction.

Claim 43 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 39, wherein the guide member is provided at a different position corresponding to a color of ink in the ink cartridge.

Claim 44 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 27, further comprising: an ink supplying tube that is provided at a rear face portion of the ink cartridge and encircled by a space that is opened at both sides, in a widthwise direction, of the ink cartridge.

Claim 45 (New): An ink cartridge that is detachably attached to an ink jet printer, comprising:

a recess portion for a user to put a finger that is provided at a front face of the ink cartridge.

Claim 46 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 45, wherein the recess portion includes one corner portion on which the finger of the user is put.

Claim 47 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 46, wherein the corner portion is formed to have an acute angle.

Claim 48 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 45, wherein the recess portion is positioned in a midway, in a vertical direction, of the front face of the ink cartridge.

Claim 49 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 45, wherein the recess portion is formed over an entire width of the ink cartridge and is opened at both end portions.

Claim 50 (New): The ink cartridge according to claim 45, wherein an angle formed by a lower end portion of the recess portion and the front face of the ink cartridge is an obtuse angle.

Claim 51 (New): An ink jet printer comprising:
an ink cartridge that is detachably attached to the ink jet printer and includes a holding portion formed over two faces of the ink cartridge adjacent to each other.

Claim 52 (New): An ink jet printer comprising:
an ink cartridge that is detachably attached to the ink jet printer and includes a recess portion for a user to put a finger, the recess portion provided at a front face of the ink cartridge.